(c) whether Government wants to run a parallel banking system now on religious basis in a secular country like India; and

(d) if not, justification behind taking the said decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to run a parallel banking system on religious basis.

Disbursement of agricultural credit disbursed by banks

797. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural credit disbursed by 27 commercial banks in the country has shot up substantially according to the findings of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of disbursement in this regard in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The agricultural credit disbursed by Public Sector Commercial Banks has increased substantially during the last three years as may be observed from the data furnished below:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Amount disbursed
2003-04	42,211
2004-05	65,218
2005-06	94,278

Slow pace of manufacturing sector

798. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's manufacturing sector expanded as its slowest pace in the period of 5 months ending in December, 2006;